



Patricia Ann Nielson

September 8, 1928 - September 25, 2025

Pat's service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/event/5409435>

Pat Nielson died peacefully in her home in Valley City, North Dakota, on September 25, 2025, surrounded by the love and care of her family.

Patricia Ann Gagnon was born September 4, 1928, in Fargo, ND, to parents Anna (Peterson) Gagnon and Gayle H. Gagnon of Page, ND. She was raised in Page and attended school there.

Pat married Allen Everett Nielson, of Pillsbury, ND, at Page in the Methodist Church on October 24, 1945. They lived on the Nielson family farm in Baldwin Township, where they bore four children. Pat and Allen purchased an apartment house in Valley City and moved there in 1963 but continued going to the farm in the summers. Starting in the 70s, they wintered in Cape Coral, Florida.

She was a member of the Baldwin Homemakers Club for many years. She was active in the Gideon Auxiliary, serving as State President. Pat and Allen were State Coordinators for Lay Witness Missions in the United Methodist Church, traveling extensively. They were also delegates to the church's Annual Conference for 6 years.

Pat served in several capacities at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City -- as Sunday School Teacher, Senior High Youth Counselor, president of United Methodist Women, and Circle chairperson. She also worked on Outreach for Missions, sang in the church choir, and chaired the Serving group.

She started Christian Women's Club in Valley City in 1976, serving as Chairman and Bible Study Coordinator, as well as other offices.

Pat and Allen volunteered both in Valley City and Cape Coral working at the hospital and delivering Meals on Wheels. Pat served with the Respite program and Rhylander

program until they dissolved. She also served on the Advisory Board of the Valley City Senior Center.

Pat and Allen traveled extensively, taking their family tenting to two World Fairs (New York, and Seattle). They later bought a motor home to travel the country. They visited all fifty states, Ireland for Lay Witness Ministry, and Israel with the United Methodist Church.

She leaves to mourn her loss daughters Sally (Mike) Didier, Valley City, ND; Nancy (Myron) Grueneich, Henrico, NC; son Steven (Mary Lee) Nielson, Valley City, ND; eight grandchildren, Michelle (Robert) Steiger, Kristy Kappel, Brad (Tiarra) Kappel, Michael (Miriam) Grueneich, Greg (Kerry) Grueneich, Peter Nielson, Matthew (Annette) Nielson, Mark (Cathy) Nielson; 16 great-grandchildren, Emily (Kaitlyn), Samuel, and Joseph Grueneich; Ethan and Maleah Steiger; Teagan and Sofia Kappel; Cameron and Gavin Barbour; Gracelyn and Bailey Grueneich; Kailee, Skye, and Lane Nielson; Anika and Lily Nielson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her life partner and best friend, Allen, husband of 66 yrs (d. July 9th, 2011); a son, George Allen, at age 5; her parents; 1 sister, Joyce Webber; and 4 brothers, Baby Brother Kent, George, Wayne, and Richard.

Visitation will be at 5:00 PM, Sunday, September 28, followed by a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Epworth United Methodist Church in Valley City. Funeral will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, September 29, at Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Woodbine Cemetery, Valley City.

Memorials can be made to the Gideons, Epworth United Methodist Church, or the VCSU Allen & Pat Nielson Scholarship.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave SW
Valley City, ND 58072-3743
(701) 845-0340

Prayer Service

SEP **28**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave SW
Valley City, ND 58072-3743
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Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 16, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Patricia Ann Nielson*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - September 26, 2025 at 11:55 AM

DO

“ *Sally, If I knew Pat was your mother, it had slipped my mind. Sincere condolences to you and the entire family. She lived across the hall from Kathy Preston so we talked often about her and noticed her doorway decorations. Mary Lee, I saw you outside of Bridgeview with a hand full of doilies... I apologize for not speaking up at that time. May you treasure the memories this lady has left behind.... a life well-lived.*

Durward & Phyllis Otterness - October 13, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JM

A beautiful spirit and wonderful soul. Always you greeted me with love and your beautiful smile. Rest in glory!

Joseph Munowenyu - January 09 at 10:21 PM

AN

“ *My condolences. I was thinking of her today and didn't realize she had passed away. She was one great lady and I will miss knowing she is at Bridgeview!*
Angela Hoggarth

Angela - October 09, 2025 at 09:54 PM

TS

“ Dear Nancy and family, May the Lord bring His peace to each of you as you mourn the passing of your Mother. Praying for each of you and trusting that the promises of Heaven and the joy of knowing that we will be with loved ones again will bring comfort to each of you.

Tim Skramstad - October 04, 2025 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ Sending my condolences, prayers and love Aunt Sally, Uncle Mike, and family. 🙏❤️

Joe & Darcy (Didier) Bock

Darcy Bock - September 27, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CM

“ Our sympathy to all of you. The Pederson Family. Maurine and Ron and Ruby Tolstad and Christine and Curt Marshall



CM - September 26, 2025 at 10:12 PM

AW

“ My condolences to Pat's family. I have such warm memories of Pat along with visits at the Nielsen house back in the 60's. Our paths crossed on a few occasions in more recent times, and I was happy to reconnect via Facebook. What a joy and a light she was....a life well lived.



Ann (Ochsner) Wilson - September 26, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ The Didier Kids & their Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Ann Nielson.



The Didier Kids & their Families - September 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

TF

“ The Didier Kids & their Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Ann Nielson.

The Didier Kids & their Families - September 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

MD

“ Sally and family, You all are in prayers at this difficult time. Patricia was always a special Grandmother to the kids . . . Marge



Another link has fallen from the family tree. Fly high with angels. You are free. Death only takes the body. God takes the soul. Our minds hold the memories. Our hearts keep the love. Our faith tells us know we will meet again.



Marge Didier - September 26, 2025 at 10:29 AM

TD

Dear Sally, Mike and Family. God's Blessings 🙌🙏 so Very Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Know that you're in Our Thoughts and Prayers. Love ❤️ Julie and Tom

Tom Didier - September 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LH

Our sympathies to all of Pat's family! Lynn Hill

Lynn Hill - September 29, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Alferness Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Nielson.



The Alferness Family - September 26, 2025 at 01:34 AM

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The Alferness Family - September 26, 2025 at 01:34 AM

KB

“ Dear Nielson Family: My symphay in the loss of your Mom nad Grandmohter. I knew Pat through Epworth Methodist church. Friendly lady, strong in her faith. Treasure the memories and the years you had her.

Kaye (Tait) Belzer - September 25, 2025 at 11:22 PM